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SUBJECT: LOS: DAILY REPORT, COMMITTEE I, JULY 22, 1974

1. COMMITTEE I (C-I) MET IN INFORMAL SESSION JULY 22 AND COMPLETED THIRD READING OF ARTICLES 7A AND 8 OF TEXT ON REGIME. REMAINDER OF DAY'S MEETINGS WAS DEVOTED TO DEBATE ON CRITICAL ARTICLE 9, QTE WHO MAY EXPLOIT THE AREA.UNQUOTE.

2. ON REQUEST OF U.S. C-I REP (RATINER) ARTICLE 7A, AMALGAMATION OF ARTICLES 5 AND 7, WAS RETAINED IN TEXT AS FOOTNOTE. ARTICLE 8' ON USE OF INTERNATIONAL AREA EXCLUSIVELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES WAS RETAINED WITH NO CHANGES. ARTICLE 8 INCLUDES ADDITIONAL BRACKETED LANGUAGE ON PROHIBITION OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES, WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, NUCLEAR UNCLASSIFIED

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TESTING AND CHINESE TEXT PROHIBITING NUCLEAR SUBMARINES AND

ALL WEAPONS. LACK OF DEBATE ON ARTICLE INDICATES GENERAL AWARENESS WITHIN C-I OF SENSITIVITY OF THIS ISSUE.

3. DEBATE ON ARTICLE 9, WAS OPENED WITH INTRODUCTION BY U.S. OF FOLLOWING PROPOSAL AS SUBSTITUTE FOR FOUR EXISTING ALTERNATIVES ON EXPLOITATION SYSTEM:

QTE 1. ALL ACTIVITIES OF EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION AND OTHER DIRECTLY RELATED ACTIVITIES SHALL BE CONDUCTED BRACKET BY THE AUTHORITY CLOSE BRACKET IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE AUTHORITY CLOSE BRACKET PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE AUTHORITY AND THOSE INCLUDED IN THIS CONVENTION.

2. CONTRACTING PARTIES, GROUPS OF CONTRACTING PARTIES AND NATURAL OR JURIDICAL PERSONS SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO ENTER INTO LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE AUTHORITY, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION, SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CONVENTION AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CONVENTION. UNQTE. LONG DEBATE FOLLOWED WITH MAJORITY OF INTERVENTIONS ADDRESSING U.S. PROPOSAL. KEY POINTS RAISED WERE THAT PARAGRAPH 1 DID NOT PROPERLY CHARACTERIZE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AND THAT PARAGRAPH 2 GAVE STATES AND PRIVATE ENTITIES AUTOMATIC RIGHTS TO SEABED, GRANTING AUTHORITY NO POWER TO DENY APPLICANTS THESE RIGHTS. DEBATE HIGHLIGHTED APPARENT DIVERGENCE BETWEEN AFRICAN AND LATIN DELS WITH RESPECT TO WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE EXPLOITATION SYSTEM IN CARACAS, SINCE MOST AFRICANS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT U.S. PROPOSAL WAS CONSTRUCTIVE BASIS ON WHICH TO WORK.

4. DEBATE ON ARTICLE 9 WILL CONTINUE JULY 23, ALTHOUGH A.M. SESSION WILL BE ALLOCATED TO SMALL INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP FOR PURPOSE OF REVIEWING TEXTS ALREADY DISCUSSED BY LARGER GROUP.
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